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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of making a pavement marker comprising the steps of:

forming an array of discrete <u>retroreflective</u> pavement elements in a predefined pattern interconnected by a carrier web; and

forming a frangible connection between a plurality of the discrete pavement elements and the carrier web.

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of forming the pavement elements interconnected by a carrier web comprises the step of integrally forming the pavement elements and the carrier web.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of forming the pavement elements interconnected by a carrier web comprises the step of bonding the pavement elements to the carrier web.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of forming the pavement elements interconnected by a carrier web comprises the steps of bonding the carrier web to an upper surface of the array of pavement elements.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
  applying a pressure sensitive adhesive to a rear surface of the pavement elements; and
  applying a release liner over the adhesive.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of forming a frangible connection comprises the step of at least partially severing the carrier web around a perimeter of the pavement elements.

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7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of forming a frangible connection comprises the step of at least partially severing the carrier web around one or more groups of pavement elements.

- 8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the carrier web is selected from a group consisting of paper, a liner, a screen, a mat, a film or nonwoven web of a water-soluble or water-dispersible polymeric material, and a biodegradable material.
- 9. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein the pavement elements are selected from a group consisting of retroreflective lens and single bead durable pavement elements.
- 10. (Original) A method for applying the array of pavement elements of claim 1 to a pavement surface comprising the steps of:

interposing an adhesive between the pavement elements and the pavement surface; and engaging the adhesive to the pavement surface under pressure.

- 11. (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising the step of removing a portion of the carrier web between adjacent pavement elements to form an array of discrete pavement elements adhered to a pavement surface.
- 12. (Currently Amended) A pavement marking article attachable to a pavement comprising: an array of discrete <u>retroreflective</u> pavement elements in a predefined pattern interconnected by a carrier web; and

a frangible connection between a plurality of the pavement elements and the carrier web.

13. (Original) The article of claim 12 wherein the carrier web and the pavement elements are integrally formed.

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14. (Original) The article of claim 12 wherein the pavement elements are bonded to the carrier web.

- 15. (Original) The article of claim 12 wherein the carrier web is bonded to upper surfaces of the pavement elements.
- 16. (Original) The article of claim 12 further comprising a pressure sensitive adhesive applied to a rear surface of the pavement elements, and a release liner extending over the adhesive.
- 17. (Original) The article of claim 12 wherein the frangible connection comprises slits around a perimeter of the pavement elements.
- 18. (Original) The article of claim 12 wherein the carrier web is selected from a group consisting of paper, a liner, a screen, a mat, a film or nonwoven web of a water-soluble or water-dispersible polymeric material, and a biodegradable material.
- 19. (Original) The article of claim 12 further comprising an adhesive interposed between the pavement elements and the pavement surface.
- 20. (Currently Amended) A pavement marker comprising:

discrete <u>retroreflective</u> pavement elements having a pressure sensitive adhesive layer on a bottom surface, the bottom surfaces being arranged in an array on a release liner; and

a carrier web bonded to an upper portion of the pavement elements capable of maintaining the spatial orientation of the array of pavement elements when the release liner is removed.

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21. (New) The article of claim 12 wherein the array of the pavement elements comprises a plurality of protrusions having side surfaces, the protrusions being retroreflective at the side surfaces.

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22. (New) The article of claim 21 having retroreflective beds on the side surfaces of the pavement elements.

- 23. (New) The article of claim 21 having a cube corner retroreflective lens on the side surfaces.
- 24. (New) The article of claim 20 wherein the pavement elements comprise an array of raised elements having retroreflective side surfaces.
- 25. (New) The article of claim 24 having retroreflective beads on the side surfaces.
- 26. (New) The article of claim 24 having a cube corner retroreflective lens on the side surface.
- 27. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the array of pavement elements is formed as a plurality of protrusions having a retroreflective side surface.